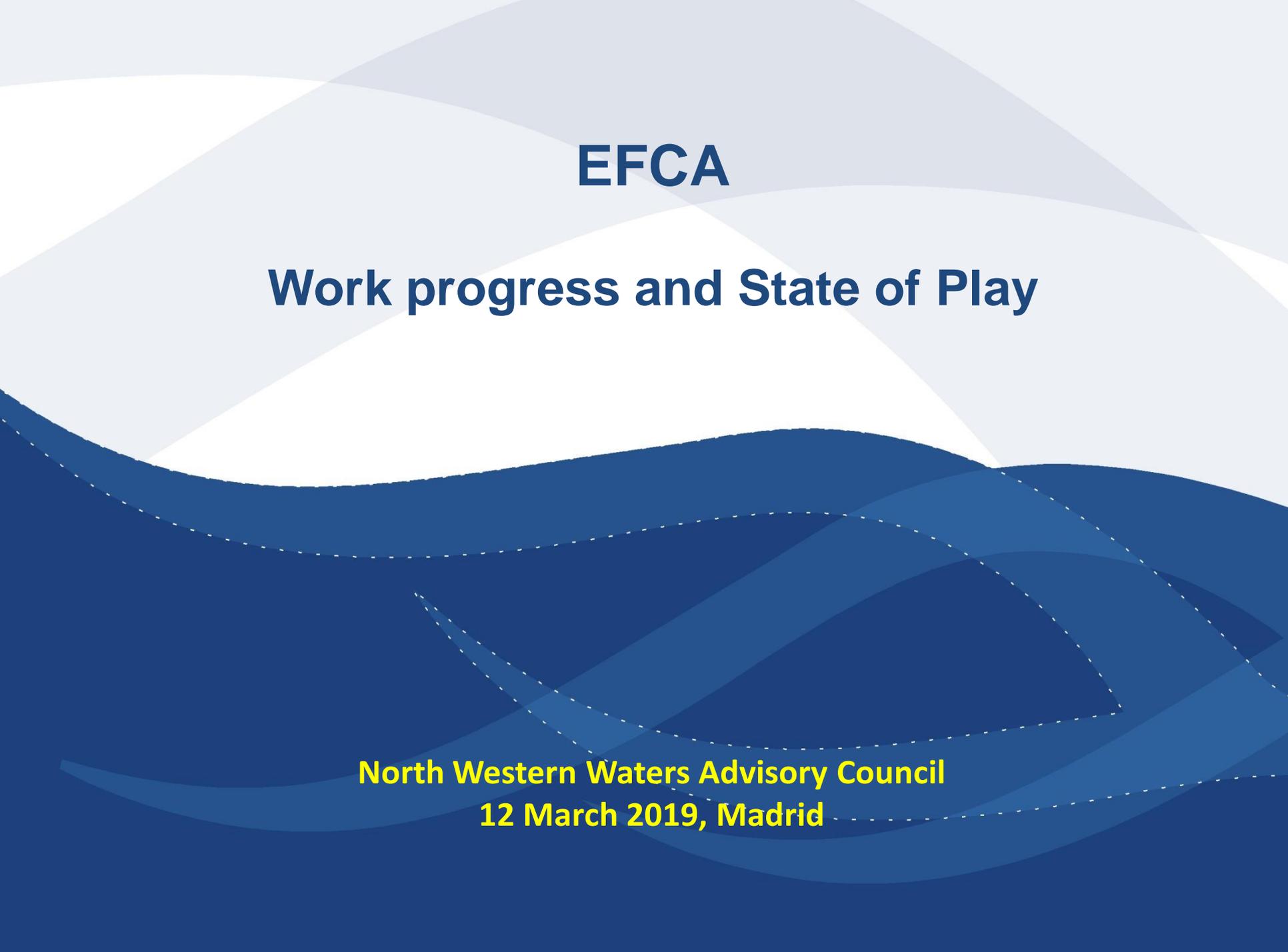


EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY





EFCA

Work progress and State of Play

**North Western Waters Advisory Council
12 March 2019, Madrid**



EFCA work in NWW



- **Joint Deployment Plan (JDP) for the Western Waters in the North East Atlantic**
- **Cooperation with the NWW Control Expert Group**
- **REM Technical Working Group**



Western Waters JDP



- In December 2018 a new Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1986 was adopted, establishing specific control and inspection programmes for certain fisheries
- The SCIP determines the legal scope for their implementation through JDPs coordinated by EFCA
- Extension of scope in WW:
 - Fisheries for demersal species (previously only pelagic), including *hake, Norway lobster, cod, sole, plaice*, and also *European eel*
 - Fisheries exploiting stocks or species covered by MAPs
 - Fisheries exploiting species under the landing obligation



New Western Waters JDP

ED Decision 2018/33 of 21 December 2018



- **JDP Features (2019):**
 - **MS concerned: BEL, DEU, DNK, ESP, FRA, GBR, IRL, NLD, PRT, (EST, LVA, LTU, POL)**
 - **Year-round JDP with Specific actions for pelagic (5) and demersal (9)**
 - **51 weeks where activities will be coordinated from EFCA**
 - **353 inspections (320L/33S)**
 - **3 suspected infringements**
 - **Risk management strategy at Regional level**
 - **Promotion of approach of targeted inspections**



NWW Control Expert Group (CEG)



- **The areas of cooperation between EFCA and the NWW CEG relate mainly to the implementation of the Landing Obligation, and are:**
 - **Risk Assessment**
 - **Compliance evaluation**
 - **Cooperation with industry**
 - **Standardisation of inspections**
- **Endorsement and engagement in the EFCA REM Technical WG**



NWW CEG

Main issues in 2019



- **Control regulation revision**
- **Compliance evaluation with the LO (being prepared by EFCA) to be delivered in 2019 to NWW and NS CEGs, scope:**
 - **Demersal species in the NS (cod, sole and plaice)**
 - **Demersal species in NWW (hake, haddock and whiting)**
 - **Pelagic in both areas (mackerel)**
- **New discard plans to be implemented from 2019**
- **Progress and outcome of the REM TWG**



Remote Electronic Monitoring Technical Working Group (REM TWG)



- **Created on request of the MS CEGs, COM and supported by JDP**
- **Strictly of technical nature**
- **Definition of REM systems technical specifications**
- **Ensure standardisation and a level playing field is maintained**
- **Consider technical requirements and associated procedures on how REM/CCTV could be best deployed on fishing vessels to provide means to effectively control and enforce the landing obligation at sea.**



Technical Specifications: Main topics



- **Minimum requirements for a standard REM system specified for:**
 - Control box
 - Cameras (by type)
 - Sensors
 - System diagnostics
- **Related topics covered in the guidelines:**
 - Installation specification: Vessel Monitoring Plan (VMP)
 - Rules of operation: Logbook recording, catch handling, etc.
 - Technical aspects of data handling and analysis: Storage, retrieval, analysis software, risk-based selection viewing, etc.
 - System ownership
 - Cost estimates



Work of the Drafting Committee: Draft structure



- The draft being produced consists in 3 main parts:
 - A. Guidelines for implementation: Include rationale and recommendations for implementation.
 - B. Annex summarising the technical specifications and minimum requirements
 - C. Appendices:
 1. Fleet segmentation and summarised minimum requirements
 2. Vessel Monitoring Plan (VMP) for the purpose of installation



Tentative plan for 2019



| Meeting | Date | Place | Main outcome |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|--|
| Drafting Committee | 7-8 Feb | Hamburg | Revise final draft and get technical feedback from some operators participating in MS trials |
| REM TWG Plenary | 20 Mar | Barcelona | Validate final version for presentation to the EFCA Administrative Board |
| EFCA Administrative Board | 10 Apr | Vigo | Endorsement of the final version of the guidelines at the EFCA Administrative Board Discussion on the way forward |
| Workshop REM providers | TBC | TBC | Workshop/Seminar with REM providers across Europe to exchange views on the produced guidelines. |



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